

OPTICAL AMPLIFIERS IN A FREE SPACE LASER COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

Abstract of the Disclosure

Disclosed is a novel free space optical communication system comprising an optical amplifier configured to amplify an optical signal received from a fiber optic cable, a transmitter coupled to the optical amplifier and configured to transmit the amplified optical signal across a free space medium. The system also includes a receiver configured to receive the attenuated optical signal and a second optical amplifier coupled to the receiver configured to amplify the attenuated optical signal before transmitting the optical signal on to a fiber optic cable. The optical amplifier is preferably a Raman optical amplifier, but may also be any other optical amplifier, or combination of optical amplifiers, known in the art.

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